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For "Methods and Compositions for Optimizing Interfacial
Properties of Magnetoresistive Sensors"

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This appeal brief is submitted under 35 U.S.C. §134. This appeal is further to Appellants' Notice of Appeal that is attached hereto.

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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